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DEPARTMENT FOR OES/APT/SA/EDDINGTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TSPA, US, CA
SUBJECT: COSMOS 954 DEBRIS

LIMDIS

1. DR. ALAN T. PRINCE, PRESIDENT, ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD (AECB) CALLED SCICOUNS ON JANUARY 31, 1978, TO DISCUSS HANDLING OF SATELLITE DEBRIS.
2. PRINCE CLAIMED AECB NOW HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RECOVERY, TRANSFER, OR CLEAN-UP OF MATERIAL, AND FOR ANY FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION.
3. AECB HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT PRESENCE OF INDIVIDUALS ON SITE, INCLUDING REPORTERS, WHO HAVE NO DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS BUT MAY BE TEMPTED TO "PICK UP SAMPLES." THEREFORE, POLICE ARE BEING BROUGHT IN TO CORDON OFF CRITICAL AREA.
4. TIME FOR ANY REMOVAL AND CLEANUP IS LIMITED TO ABOUT TWO MONTHS AS SOME OF MATERIAL OF PRIME INTEREST IS IN RIVER BED AND COULD BE DISPERSED WITH A THAW.

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5. DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED OUT YET ABOUT NEXT STEPS IN REMOVAL OR EXAMINATION EXCEPTING THAT FOUR CASKS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN FOR PICKING UP PIECES.
6. PRINCE HAS DIRECTED THAT A PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD BE MADE OF LOCATION OF PARTS BEFORE ANY DISTURBANCE OF SITE.

7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH AECB IS WORKING HARD TO ASSUME CONTROL OF THIS PROJECT, EXTAFF SOURCE TOLD DCM MORNING OF FEBRUARY 1 THAT THERE IS NO FINAL DECISION WITHIN GOC AS TO WHETHER AECB OR DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WILL BE LEAD AGENCY FOR FUTURE PHASES. ENDERS

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